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While this architecture ensures correct identification of objects with stable interfaces, it hinders the more realistic model of system development where object interfaces evolve over time. The evolution of object interfaces is a normal aspect of most systems, and thus it is desirable for the interface repository to support interface evolution.

For example, in a desirable system installation there may be two coexisting environments, a deployment environment, and a development
environment. In the deployment environment, objects and their interfaces
are stable and unchanging. This is necessary to ensure that the behavior of
each object is consistent, thoroughly tested, and known to all clients. In the
development environment, however, the object interfaces are continually
being improved and updated. These two environments must be kept
separate so that client invocations in the deployment environment, where
the client expects a particular interface for an object, do not invoke the
development version of the object, which may not behave as expected by the
client. However, when the development version of the object is stable, it is
necessary to place it in the deployment environment for use by all clients.

The problem is that on a single system with a single interface repository, there is currently no easy way to separate the deployment and development environments so that multiple objects of the same type are represented by different interface definition objects. Thus, to differentiate development and development objects, the development objects must be distinct types from the deployment object, having their own interface

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